

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

CONFIRM

Docket No. MC2002-1

REVISED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS BAKSHI TO INTERROGATORY OF THE
OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
OCA/USPS-T1-1(d)(ERRATA)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its revised response of witness Bakshi to the following interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-T1-1(d), filed on May 1, 2002. The original response, filed on May 15, 2002, contained several transpositional errors.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-1. The following questions refer to the USPS's capability to capture PLANET Code data.

- a. At page 4 of your testimony, you indicate that a "Confirm® data record is generated each time the PLANET Coded mail piece is run on certain Postal Service automated mail processing equipment." Please identify all automated mail processing equipment that can currently capture PLANET Code data.
- b. Are all USPS mail processing sites capable of capturing origination and destination PLANET Code data?
- c. If your response to part "b" of this interrogatory is other than affirmative, please identify all facilities that are unable to capture PLANET Code data. Include in your response the type of USPS facility listed – i.e. P&DC, AMF, BMC, SCF, etc.
- d. If your response to part "b" of this interrogatory is other than affirmative, please identify all 5-digit ZIP Code areas that are impacted by the inability of the USPS to capture PLANET Code data.
- e. Assume a hypothetical PLANET Coded letter is entered into the Postal System at a P&DC facility as a destination Confirm® mail piece. The destination of the hypothetical letter is a household outside of the delivery area of the entry point P&DC. Please identify the number of scans the mail piece is likely to receive by "certain USPS automated equipment" as well as the number of Confirm® records the hypothetical letter will generate.
- f. The following refers to Business Reply mail pieces. Please provide an estimate of the number of scans the average destination Confirm® Business Reply mail piece is likely to receive. If you are unable to provide an estimate, please explain.

RESPONSE:

- a. The machines capable of reading a PLANET barcode include DBCS, DBCS/OSS, DBCS/OCR, DBCS/TEST, DIOSS, MPBCS, MPBCS/OSS, OSS/TEST, CSBCS, AFSM100, FSM1000, and FSM881.
- b. No. The primary exceptions are international mail sites and new annexes (see response to 1c below).

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c. At the following sites, the identified equipment delivers no PLANET codes due to the lack of connectivity equipment:

Farmington Annex, MO	2 CSBCS
Globe Annex, AZ	3 CSBCS
Dallas International Service Center	1 DBCS, 1 FSM881
Bullhead City Annex, AZ	1 DBCS
Yuma, AZ	1 DBCS

d. The sites identified in 1c are all either small annexes or an international service center. Affected 5-digit ZIP Codes include:

- Farmington Annex, MO 63640 processes for ZIP Code 63640
- Globe Annex, AZ 85501 processes for ZIPs 85501, 85502, 85546, 85548, 85532
- Dallas International Service Center 76155 processes incoming or outgoing international mail for the SW area.
- Bullhead City, AZ 86442- There are two facilities within the same ZIP Code, a post office (PO) and an annex. The two facilities are within a block of each other. The PO processes for 86439. The Annex processes for 86426, 86429, 86442
- Yuma, AZ 85365- This is a post office that processes mail for 85364, 85365, 85366, 85369.

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e. The number of scans varies depending on variables such as presort level, ZIP Code,

etc. However, a typical piece would receive about 3 scans.

f. The number of scans received by a Business Reply Mail (BRM) piece depends on its origin-destination characteristics, and the number of sorts needed to finalize the piece for delivery. There is no estimate of how many scans the “average” BRM piece that is participating in Confirm will receive. See response to OCA/USPS-T1-1(e) for a general discussion of scans per piece for destination Confirm pieces.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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